

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5178

Michigan Democratic State Central

Committee and Roger E. Winkelman, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Nickelhoff:

On September 5, 2001, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that your clients, the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Roger E. Winkelman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(6)(B)(iv), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act.") However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action and closed its file. The First General Counsel's Report, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

The Commission reminds you that the failure to properly report the name of, and office sought by, the candidate on whose behalf a coordinated expenditure is made is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(6)(B)(iv). Your clients should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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If you have any questions, please contact Michael E. Scurry, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

David M. Mason
Vice Chairman

Enclosure

First General Counsel's Report